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1. PER PARA 5 REFTL, AMBASSADOR BRUCE BRIEFED SYG LUNS ON U.S. THINKING AND ACTIONS TO DATE CONCERNING PROSPECT OF RAISING NATO MAY 29-30 MINISTERIAL MEETING TO HEAD OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL. LUNS, WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED BY AMBASSADORS DE STAERCKE AND PECK, AND WHO HAD ALREADY SEEN AND BEEN ASKED TO RESPOND TO SEVERAL PRESS STORIES ABOUT FONSEC CALLAGHAN'S INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD, WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO THE IDEA. THE SYG CITED DESPONDENCY IN WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION OVER THE GREEK/TURKISH SITUATION AND THE GENERAL FEELING THAT EUROPEAN INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS GONE AS HIS REASONS FOR FAVORING A NATO SUMMIT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT "IF WE DO IT WE SHOULD PREPARE IT WELL." LUNS SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH PERM REPS AT LUNCH TOMORROW.

2. BRUCE CONVEYED THIS SAME INFORMATION TO DE STAERCKE WHO WAS ALSO HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO THE IDEA, PREVIOUSLY INFORMED, AND ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN THE OFFICIAL BELGIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE FROM HIS AUTHORITIES SO THAT IT MIGHT BE CONVEYED TO THE U.S. BY HIM RATHER THAN BY THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

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3. AS THIS INITIATIVE SEEMS TO BE MOVING RAPIDLY, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S FURTHER THOUGHTS, IF POSSIBLE, IN TIME FOR TOMORROW'S (APRIL 8) PERM REP LUNCH. BRUCE

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